(ix) Setting up of an Orissa Cyclone Reconstruction Authority by the Central Government.

Prevailing Drought Situation in States

1255. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any official team visited Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh to study the prevailing drought conditions in these States;

(b) if so, the details of financial relief and foodgrains granted to these States, State-wise/district-wise;

(c) the details of districts of these States affected by the drought conditions; and

(d) the effective measures being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Out of these States, the official teams visited Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh in connection with drought situation.

(b) Release of assistance from the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) in the wake of drought, release of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and foodgrains allotted is indicated below:

(Rs. In crore)

Name of State	C.R.F.		N.F.C.R.
	1999-2000	2000-01	1999-2000
Rajasthan	155.25	168.18	102.93
Maharashtra	59.14	-	
Madhya Pradesh	44.29	31.98	38.86*
Andhra Pradesh	107.69	77.78	75.36
Orissa	42.50	30.70	
Uttar Pradesh	108.50	39.18	

*for drought and floods

	Foodgrains allocated *(in lakh tonnes)*
Rajasthan	5.25
Andhra Pradesh	4.36
Gujarat	4.19

The district-wise distribution of relief is done by the State Government concerned.

(c) As reported by the States the following number of districts were affected by drought in the various States:

Rajasthan	26
Maharashtra	@
Madhya Pradesh	10
Andhra Pradesh	18
Orissa	@
Uttar Pradesh	@

@ — No report has been received.

(d) In addition to release of Central share of CRF, other steps taken by the Central Government for the drought affected State include free transportation of water and fodder by the railways, supply of foodgrains at BPL rates, support by the RBI for conversion of short term loans into mid-term loans and release of loans from Rural Infrastructure Development Fund by NABARD etc.

Losses Due to Rainfall

1256. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rainfall in current year's monsoon in different parts of the country is more this year as compared to previous years monsoon;

(b) if so, how many people lost their lives (State-wise) till date indicating loss of property as compared to last year;

(c) what is the Central Financial outlay and other assistance provided to rain victims till date, State-wise; and

(d) whether any preventive measures have been taken in this regard by both Central and State machineries jointly, so as to save people or issue them timely warnings?